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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re	Chapter 11
LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS, INC., et al.,	Case No. 08-13555 (JMP)
Debtors.	Jointly Administered
SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION,	
Plaintiff-Applicant,	Case No. 08-01420 (JMP) SIPA
v. LEHMAN BROTHERS, INC.	SIPA Liquidation Proceeding
Defendant.	

DECLARATION OF BERNARD GELB IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY RECOVERY SERVICE, INC.
FOR ORDERS (A) COMPELLING PAYMENT OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS
BY THE NEW YORK STATE COMPTROLLER, (B) LIFTING THE AUTOMATIC
STAY, OR, ALTERNATIVELY, PROVIDING RELIEF FROM THE AUTOMATIC
STAY, (C) ALLOWING PAYMENT FOR SERVICES
PROVIDED POSTPETITION, AND (D) OTHER RELATED RELIEF

- I, Bernard Gelb, declare under penalty of perjury, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 that the following statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge:
 - 1. I am the Vice President and the Manager of Unclaimed Property Recovery

Service, Inc. ("UPRS"). I submit this declaration in support of UPRS's motion for an order (i) compelling payment of unclaimed funds by the New York State Comptroller, (ii) lifting the automatic stay, or, alternatively, providing relief from the automatic stay, (iii) allowing payment for services provided postpetition and (iv) granting other related relief. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein.

- 2. UPRS is a New York corporation in the business of finding unclaimed funds and notifying the owners. After the owner is located, a written agreement is entered into between UPRS and the owner. UPRS prepares claim documents that help facilitate the collection and payment of the unclaimed funds.
- 3. UPRS has longstanding and ongoing agreements with Lehman Brothers Inc. ("LBI") to identify and recover unclaimed funds belonging to LBI. During the past thirteen years, UPRS has recovered millions of dollars in unclaimed funds for LBI.
- 4. UPRS has spent many years and thousands of dollars to develop proprietary software, databases and research to identify and recover unclaimed funds that are outstanding for LBI.
- 5. Pursuant to four LBI Agreements ("Agreements") and LBI authorizations, UPRS is currently in the process of recovering a significant claim of approximately \$5 million in unclaimed funds ("Claim") held by the New York State Office of Unclaimed Funds ("NYS OUF") on behalf of LBI. The New York State Comptroller ("NYS Comptroller") is the State's custodian of \$9 billion in unclaimed funds and oversees the effort to return this property to owners. Copies of the Agreements, dated May 28, 1996, September 18, 1997, March 23, 1998 and January 14, 1999, are attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A. ¹

¹ UPRS's counsel, Paul Batista, Esq., has contacted representatives of Barclays Capital Inc.; James W. Giddens, SIPC Trustee; and Lehman Brothers regarding the four UPRS Agreements.

- 6. As explained below, the Director of the NYS OUF has requested an order from the Bankruptcy Court to pay LBI the approximately \$5 million in unclaimed funds outstanding.
- 7. The approximately \$5 million in unclaimed funds outstanding that UPRS has claimed are due LBI, not Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. ("LBHI"). The four Agreements and authorizations are between LBI and UPRS. LBHI is not a party to the four Agreements and authorizations.
- 8. On June 30, 1998, LBI sent a notarized authorization statement to NYS OUF that read in part:

This letter is to confirm that Bernard Gelb and Unclaimed Property Recovery Service, Inc. have been authorized to complete the recovery of all the outstanding claims due Lehman Brothers and its predecessors' firms.²

9. On April 16, 2007, LBI sent a confirmation of UPRS's authorization to the NYS OUF by e-mail that read:

New York State:

By way of introduction I am Bill Wallace (VP) at Lehman Brothers [Inc] and responsible for Unclaimed Property for the firm. To my knowledge UPR[S] (Bernie Gelb) is authorized to claim aged items for this firm. If you have any questions please call me at the numbers below. [T]his authorization still stands.³

10. On June 7, 2007, July 2, 2007 and August 1, 2007, UPRS sent Bill Wallace, LBI Vice President, a billing statement for \$500,000, for services billed pursuant to the Agreement, for services as of June 7, 2007. Copies of the three billing statements are attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit D**.

² A copy of the June 30, 1998 LBI notarized authorization statement is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit B**.

³ A copy of the April 16, 2007 LBI e-mail sent to NYS OUF is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit C**; emphasis added.

- 11. On or about September 16, 2008, NYS OUF sent UPRS two letters concerning applications for second issuance checks in the amounts of \$92,771.21 and \$49,452.00. Copies of the September 16, 2008 NYS OUF letters concerning applications for second issuance checks are attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit E**.
- 12. On or about September 22, 2008, Steven Dardanello, Assistant Vice President of LBI, completed the two applications for second issuance checks for \$92,771.21 and \$49,452.00 and returned them to UPRS. Copies of the two completed applications for second issuance checks including the envelope from LBI are attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit F.**
- 13. On or about September 25, 2008, Mr. Dardanello telephoned UPRS and said that he completed the two applications for second issuance checks and returned them to UPRS. Mr. Dardanello also confirmed that "LBI will honor all Agreements with UPRS and UPRS will be paid its fee for all unclaimed funds claimed for LBI." UPRS submitted the two completed applications for second issuance checks for \$92,771.21 and \$49,452.00 to the NYS OUF for processing and payment.
- 14. On September 26, 2008, Kelly Hans, Assistant Director, NYS OUF, telephoned UPRS and said that due to "Lehman Brothers Inc." bankruptcy filing, NYS OUF was not going to process the applications for second issuance checks of \$92,771.21 and \$49,452.00 or process the UPRS Claim on behalf LBI. I explained to Ms. Hans that "Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc." has filed for bankruptcy protection and LBI is a solvent independent subsidiary and not in bankruptcy and therefore NYS OUF should process the applications for the second issuance checks and process the UPRS Claim on behalf LBI.

- 15. The same day, September 26, 2008, I sent an e-mail to Ms. Hans as a follow-up to our telephone conversation that confirmed that "Lehman Brothers Inc. is a solvent independent subsidiary and is not in bankruptcy. As reflected in the attached LBHI press release . . . none of the broker-dealer subsidiaries or other subsidiaries of LBHI will be included in the Chapter 11 filing and all of the broker-dealers will continue to operate." Copies of the September 26, 2008 e-mail to Kelly Hans and LBHI September 15, 2008 Press Release are attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit G**.
- 16. On or about October 27, 2008, Lawrence Schantz, Director, NYS OUF, sent me a letter, in reply to my September 26, 2008 e-mail to Mr. Hans, that the State Comptroller of the State of New York has taken the position that LBI's right to Claim unclaimed funds held by the NYS OUF is subject to the LBHI bankruptcy proceeding and the NYS OUF will not pay our client, LBI, any property, without a court order. A copy Lawrence Schantz's letter dated October 27, 2008 is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit H.
 - 17. On February 1, 2009, I sent an e-mail to Lawrence Schantz that read:

I understand that Stephen Harbeck, SIPC President, stated that "it appears that all customer cash, stocks and other securities are accounted for" at Lehman. "SIPC has not seen it necessary to take action with respect to any Lehman brokerage firm. The reason is that the regulatory system works. Customer assets are segregated, intact and available for customers. Our job is to protect against missing assets, and as far as we and regulators know, there are no missing customer assets."

I imagine that when your administration contacted James W. Giddens, SIPC Trustee, they were told that the SIPC Trustee has no cause to be interested in the Lehman Brothers Inc. unclaimed funds. Therefore, the balance of our Lehman Brothers Inc. Claim - 10403068 and 10403071 should be processed and the issuance of replacement checks for the Lehman Brothers Inc. funds.⁴

⁴ A copy of the February 1, 2009 e-mail sent to Lawrence Schantz is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit I; emphasis in original.

19. On February 19, 2009, the NYS Comptroller sent me an e-mail that read:

Dear Mr. Gelb:

We have referred your email to the Attorney General's Office for further review. We will contact you once they have provided us with a response.⁵

18. On or about February 24, 2009, Mr. Schantz, Director, NYS OUF, sent me a letter, in reply to my On February 1, 2009 e-mail to him, that read in part: "[A]bsent a further order of the Bankruptcy Court . . . we will not transfer any property of Lehman Brothers, Inc., including replacement checks." A copy of Lawrence Schantz's letter dated February 24, 2009 is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit K**.

19. The Director of the NYS OUF has requested an order from the Bankruptcy Court to pay LBI the approximately \$5 million in unclaimed funds outstanding.

20. The impact of the Director's position has been to thwart UPRS's ability to recover approximately \$5 million in unclaimed funds for LBI and earn a 10% fee, approximately \$500,000, to which UPRS is entitled.

21. Moreover, the billing statement sent to LBI for \$500,000 as of July 2, 2007, for services rendered pursuant to the Agreement remains unpaid and outstanding.

22. UPRS, in demonstrating and acting in good faith, continues to provide services under the four Agreements and authorization subsequent to the LBHI Petition Date.

23. After UPRS is paid the 10% fee of approximately \$500,000 and the \$500,000 outstanding balance due UPRS, LBI will recover approximately \$4 million.

Dated: New York, New York April 13, 2009

______/s/ Bernard Gelb
Bernard Gelb

⁵ A copy of the February 19, 2009 e-mail sent to me by the Comptroller is attached hereto and incorporated herein as **Exhibit J.**

08-13555 agreement for Unclaimed Portage Recovery Service

Re; Shearson Lehman Brothers Inc.

In consideration of the mutual promises contained in this agreement between the Apparent Owner of Unclaimed Property, harsinafter known as "Owner" and Unclaimed Property Recovery Service, inc., hereinafter known as "UPRS", the parties agree:

The Owner authorizes UPRS to recover the unclaimed property on behalf of and for the benefit of the Owner. The Owner will cooperate fully with UPRS in fulfilling the requirements of the recovery, including the execution and delivery of instruments necessary to document the Owner's claim.

As its compensation, UPRS is hereby assigned and shall receive Twenty Percent (20%) of the value of the unclaimed property recovered for the Owner. This agreement shall be binding on UPRS, its successors and assigns, and on the Owner's heirs, successors and assigns, and shall be construed under the laws of the State of New York. Location for claims regarding this agreement shall be New York.

This agreement will remain in effect from the date of this agreement to the date of recovery. Owner agrees to keep all information obtained from UPRS confidential, and agrees not to disclose the information to any third party. Owner agrees to inform UPRS if the Owner receives the unclaimed property directly, for proper accounting and to enable UPRS to claim compensation for this service.

This agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties; any statement, promise, or inducement made by any party which is not contained in this agreement must be made in writing and signed by both parties. This agreement may not be changed or modified except in writing and signed by both parties.

I agree that UPRS has the right to use other agents at UPRS's discretion and expense. All terms of this agreement will be extended to agents of UPRS. A fee of Twenty Percent (20%) will be charged on all unclaimed property recovered through UPRS efforts or through efforts of its agents. These fees will be due as and when any property is recovered. A facsimile copy shall be deemed to be an executed original. UNLESS A RECOVERY IS MADE, THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE TO OWNER.

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Re: Lehman Brothers Inc.

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The Owner authorizes UPRS to recover the unclaimed property so that payment of the unclaimed property will be sent to the owner. Owner agrees to inform UPRS when the Owner receives the unclaimed property, for proper accounting and to enable UPRS to claim compensation for this service. The Owner will cooperate fully with UPRS in fulfilling the requirements of the recovery, including the execution and delivery of instruments necessary to document the Owner's claim.

As its compensation, UPRS is hereby assigned and shall receive Ten Percent (10%) of the value of the unclaimed property recovered for the Owner. This agreement shall be binding on UPRS, its successors and assigns, and on the Owner's heirs, successors and assigns, and shall be construed under the laws of the State of New York. Location for claims regarding this agreement shall be New York City. This agreement will remain in effect from the date of this agreement to the date of recovery.

Attached to this agreement as Exhibit A is the description of the unclaimed property and location. Exhibit A is incorporated herein.

This agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties; any statement, promise, or inducement made by any party which is not contained in this agreement must be made in writing and signed by both parties. This agreement may not be changed or modified except in writing and signed by both parties. Owner agrees to keep all information obtained from UPRS confidential, and agrees not to disclose the information to any third party.

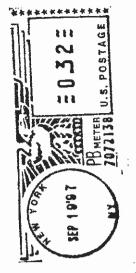
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(2/2) 526 -5970 Telephone Mûmber	(718) 275-4476 Telephone Number
Signature of Owner	Bernard Gell Signature
Date 18, 1997	9//8/97 Date

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Description of the unclaimed money, accounts from brokers, banks, companies and corporations. Location of the unclaimed money, held by the New York State Comptroller, Office Of Unclaimed Funds, A. E. Smith State Office Building, 9th Floor, Albany, New York 12236. Exhibit A is incorporated to the agreement herein.



Unclaimed Property Recovery Service 65-48 Alderton Street Rego Park, NY 11374-5043 Manager Claimant Services Bernard Gelb

(A) 11374-5843

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In consideration of the mutual promises contained in this agreement between the Apparent Owner of Unclaimed Money, hereinster known as "Owner" and Unclaimed Property Recovery Service, Inc., hereinster known as "UPRS", the parties agree:

The Owner authorizes UPRS to recover the unclaimed money so that payment of the unclaimed money will be sent to the Owner. Owner agrees to inform UPRS when the Owner receives the unclaimed money, for proper accounting and to enable UPRS to claim compensation for this service. The Owner will cooperate with UPRS in fulfilling the requirements of the recovery, including the execution and delivery of documents necessary to complete the Owner's claim.

In consideration of UPRS services to provide to Owner information concerning funds due to Owner which are uncollected and to facilitate the collection and payment thereof, UPRS is hereby assigned and shall receive Ten Percent (10%) of the value of the unclaimed money recovered for the Owner. This agreement shall be binding on UPRS, its successors and assigns, and on the Owner's helps, successors and assigns, and shall be construed under the laws of the State of New York. Location for claims regarding this agreement shall be New York City. This agreement will remain in effect from the date of this agreement to the date of recovery.

This agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties; any statement, promise, or inducement made by any party which is not contained in this agreement must be made in writing and signed by both parties. This agreement may not be changed or modified except in writing and signed by both parties. Owner agrees to keep all information obtained from UPRS confidential, and agrees not to disclose the information to any third party. The invalidity or unenforceability of any portion of this agreement shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other portion of this agreement.

Attached to this agreement as Exhibit A is the description of the unclaimed money and location. Exhibit A is incorporated herein.

Owner agrees that UPRS has the right to use other agents at UPRS' discretion and expense. All terms of this agreement will be extended to agents of UPRS. A total fee of Ten Percent (10%) will be charged on all unclaimed money recovered through UPRS efforts or efforts of its agents. The total fee of Ten Percent (10%) will be due as and when any money is recovered. A facaintile copy of this agreement shall be deemed to be an executed original. UNILESS A RECOVERY IS MADE, THERE WILL HE NO CHARGE TO CHARGE TO CONNER.

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(719) 276-4478

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(719) 276-4478

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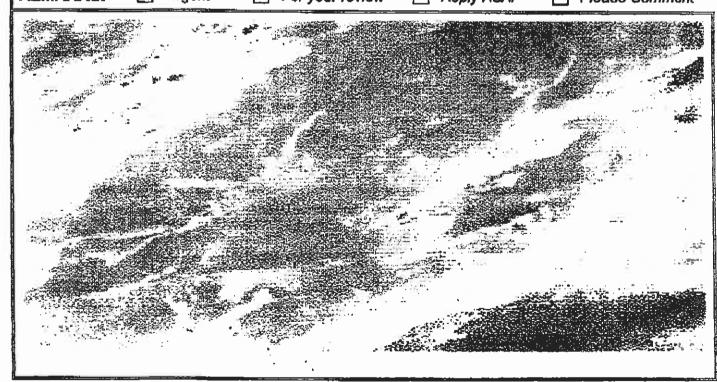
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Signature of Owner	Signature 1/14/99

LEHMAN BROTHERS

June 30, 1998

Jeanne Gerard Compliance Unit Office Of Unclaimed Funds A.E. Smith State Office Building, 9th Floor Albany, NY 12236

Dear Ms. Gerard:

This letter is to confirm that Bernard Gelb and Unclaimed Property Recovery Service, Inc. have been authorized to complete the recovery of the outstanding claims due Lehman Brothers and its predecessors' firms.

This authorization will supersede all previous filed claims by Lehman Brothers, its predecessors' firms, etc., including claims 9721795, 9719148, 951 9806, etc.

Vice President

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Subject FW: From Bernie Gelb - Re: NYS Unclaimed Funds Due Lehman Brothers

New York State:

By way of introduction I am Bill Wallace (VP) at Lehman Brothers and responsible for Unclaimed Property for the firm. To my knowledge UPR (Bernie Gelb) is authorized to claim aged items for this firm.

this authorization still stands.

If you have any questions please call me at the numbers below.

thanks
Bill Wallace
201-499-8511
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Unclaimed Property Recovery Service Inc. 65-48 Alderton Street Rego Park, NY 11374-5043 Tel (718) 275-4476

BILLING STATEMENT

Bill Wallace Lehman Brothers Inc. Operations Control 70 Hudson Street, 7th Floor Jersey City, NJ 07302

Re: Lehman Brothers Inc.

DATE	REFERENCE	DESCRIPTION	CHARGES	CREDIT8
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Revenue Refund Unit 110 State Street, 9th Floor Albany, NY 12236

STATE OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER

September 16, 2008

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY RECOVERY ATTN BERNARD GELB 65-48 ALDERTON ST REGO PARK, NY 11374-5043

RE: Refund Type:

Check No:

00842495

Issue Date:

8/19/2008

Amount:

\$92,771.21

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LEHMAN BROTHERS INC

Dear Sir/Madam:

Our records indicate the above noted check has not been returned by the Post Office and is outstanding. A stop payment order has been placed thereon. If the original check comes into your possession, do not attempt to negotiate the check without first contacting this office.

In order to issue a second-issuance check, it will be necessary to complete all statements on the enclosed form AC209b, "Application for Second-Issuance Check", and return to this office. (Be sure to answer all questions completely. Incomplete forms cannot be processed and will be returned to applicant for completion. This may result in considerable delay in processing your check).

Remit the completed application to:

Office of the State Comptroller Bureau of Accounting Operations Revenue Refund Unit, 9th Floor 110 State Street Albany, NY 12236

If you have any additional questions, you may contact me at (518) 484-6001 or one of my staff at (518) 474-6001. Thank you.

Sincerely, Sue Durkin Principal Account Clerk Revenue Refund Unit - Bureau of Accounting Operations

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PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION LAW

In accordance with the Personal Privacy Protection Law, you are advised that the information requested in this correspondence conforms with the provisions of Section 102 of the New York State Finance Law. The information is necessary to determine entitlement to certain unclaimed funds held by the New York State Comptroller. Failure to provide this information may result in denial of the claim. This information will be retained by the Refund Unit within the Bureau of Accounting Operations, 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12236. Telephone Number 518-474-4017.

Thomas P. DiNapoli State Comptroller

E-mail: revtax@osc.state.ny.us



Revenue Refund Unit 110 State Street, 9th Floor Albany, NY 12236

STATE OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER

September 16, 2008

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RE: Refund Type: A

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If you have any additional questions, you may contact me at (518) 484-6001 or one of my staff at (518) 474-6001. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sue Durkin
Principal Account Clerk
Revenue Refund Unit - Bureau of Accounting Operations

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PERSONAL PRIVACY PROTECTION LAW

In accordance with the Personal Privacy Protection Law, you are advised that the information requested in this correspondence conforms with the provisions of Section 102 of the New York State Finance Law. The information is necessary to determine entitlement to certain unclaimed funds held by the New York State Comptroller. Fallure to provide this information may result in denial of the claim. This information will be retained by the Refund Unit within the Bureau of Accounting Operations, 110 State Street, Albany, New York 12236. Telephone Number 518-474-4017.

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NYS Office of the State Comptroller Revenue Refund Unit 110 State Street - 9th floor Albany, NY 12236

APPLICATION BY INDIVIDUAL, CORPORATION, OR ASSOCIATION FOR A SECOND ISSUANCE CHECK (Original Check less than 1 year old)

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Bernal Gelb 65-48 Alderton Street Rego Park, MY 11374-504

LEHMAN BROTHERS

70 HUDSON STREET JERSEY CITY, NJ 07302 Subject: Re: From Bernie Gelb - As Per Your Call today.

From: Gelb <rosco1@earthlink.net>
Date: Fri, 26 Sep 2008 16:59:38 -0400

To: KHans@osc.state.ny.us

CC: Lawrence Schantz < LSchantz@osc.state.ny.us>

Good afternoon

This is a follow-up to our phone conversation today.

Deliverables

- 1) Per your request, attached are nine (9) LCMS Foundation documents.
- 2) Lehman Brothers Inc. is a solvent independent subsidiary and is not in bankruptcy. Only the holding Company --[9/15/2008] "Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. -- is in Bankruptcy. As reflected in the attached press release, Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. ("LBHI") announced today that it intends to file a petition under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. None of the broker-dealer subsidiaries or other subsidiaries of LBHI will be included in the Chapter 11 filing and all of the broker-dealers will continue to operate."

I understand the law is the Bankruptcy Court's exclusive jurisdiction over a bankrupt debtor and its property does not extend to "a solvent independent subsidiary of the debtor merely because its stock is held by the debtor." In re Beck Industries, 479 F.2d 410, 415 (2d Cir.), cert. denied, 414 U.S. 858 (1973)."

Furthermore, simply because the bankruptcy parent owns the stock of the subsidiary does not make the subsidiary's assets property of the estate. In re Mego International, Inc. 30 B.R. 479, 481 (S.D. N.Y. 1983). See also In re Beck Industries, Inc., 479 F.2d at 415. Ownership of the non-debtor subsidiary's stock is not the equivalent of ownership of the subsidiary's property or assets. I could send you 10-15 other cases that reflect the same point.

LEHMAN BROTHERS

Press Release

For Immediate Release

Media Contact: Monique Wise

Investor Contact: Shaun Butler

1-646-333-9056

1-212-526-8381

LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC. ANNOUNCES IT INTENDS TO FILE CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY PETITION; NO OTHER LEHMAN BROTHERS' U.S. SUBSIDIARIES OR AFFILIATES, INCLUDING ITS BROKER-DEALER AND INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT SUBSIDIARIES, ARE INCLUDED IN THE FILING

NEW YORK, September 15, 2008 - Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. ("LBHI") announced today that it intends to file a petition under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. None of the broker-dealer subsidiaries or other subsidiaries of LBHI will be included in the Chapter 11 filing and all of the broker-dealers will continue to operate. Customers of Lehman Brothers, including customers of its wholly owned subsidiary, Neuberger Berman Holdings, LLC, may continue to trade or take other actions with respect to their accounts.

The Board of Directors of LBHI authorized the filing of the Chapter 11 petition in order to protect its assets and maximize value. In conjunction with the filing, LBHI intends to file a variety of first day motions that will allow it to continue to manage operations in the ordinary course. Those motions include requests to make wage and salary payments and continue other benefits to its employees.

LEHMAN BROTHERS HOLDINGS INC. ANNOUNCES IT INTENDS TO FILE CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY PETITION / pg.2

LBHI is exploring the sale of its broker-dealer operations and, as previously announced, is in advanced discussions with a number of potential purchasers to sell its Investment Management Division ("IMD"). LBHI intends to pursue those discussions as well as a number of other strategic alternatives.

Neuberger Berman, LLC and Lehman Brothers Asset Management will continue to conduct business as usual and will not be subject to the bankruptcy case of its parent, and its portfolio management, research and operating functions remain intact. In addition, fully paid securities of customers of Neuberger Berman are segregated from the assets of Lehman Brothers and are not subject to the claims of Lehman Brothers Holdings' creditors.

Lehman Brothers (ticker symbol: LEH) is headquartered in New York, with regional headquarters in London and Tokyo, and operates in a network of offices around the world. For further information about Lehman Brothers, visit the Firm's Web site at www.lehman.com.

THOMAS P. DINAPOLI STATE COMPTROLLER



110 STATE STREET ALBANY, NEW YORK 12236

STATE OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER OFFICE OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS

October 27, 2008

Bernard Gelb Unclaimed Property Recovery Services 65-48 Alderton Street Rego Park, New York 11374

Ref. No. 10403071

Dear Mr. Gelb:

This is in response to your recent inquiries regarding the above referenced claim. You have asked that replacement checks be issued since such checks, payable to your client Lehman Brothers, Inc. ("LBI"), were lost by LBI after you forwarded them to LBI.

You had been advised by Kelly Hans of the Office of Unclaimed Funds ("OUF") that OUF would not be issuing a replacement check due to the recent bankruptcy filing of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. You have alleged that this Office is not bound by the automatic stay under the Bankruptcy Code because LBI was not a co-debtor in this bankruptcy proceeding.

You are correct that LBI was not named a co-debtor in the Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding filed by Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. However, on September 19, 2008 a liquidation proceeding was commenced against LBI by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation ("SIPIC") in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. The Order Commencing Liquidation is attached for your review.

Our Counsel's office has consulted with the Office of the New York State Attorney General and has been advised by such office that the liquidation order prohibits us from transferring any property of LBI without a court order, except to the SIPIC trustee. The Attorney General's Office further advises that this restriction would also preclude the issuance of a replacement checks for LBI funds without a court order.

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Lawrence M. Schantz

Director

Office of Unclaimed Funds

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CC: Norm Fivel, Assistant Attorney General James W. Giddens, SIPC Trustee

Subject: From Bernie Gelb - Lehman Brothers Inc. Claim - 10403068 and 10403071

From: Gelb <rosco1@earthlink.net>
Date: Sun, 01 Feb 2009 09:45:19 -0500

To: Lawrence Schantz < LSchantz@osc.state.ny.us>

CC: "Kelly Hans" <KHans@osc.state.ny.us>, Eric Duval <EDUVALL@osc.state.ny.us>

Dear Mr. Schantz:

I understand that Stephen Harbeck, SIPC President, stated that "it appears that all customer cash, stocks and other securities are accounted for" at Lehman. "SIPC has not seen it necessary to take action with respect to any Lehman brokerage firm. The reason is that the regulatory system works. Customer assets are segregated, intact and available for customers. Our job is to protect against missing assets, and as far as we and regulators know, there are no missing customer assets."

I imagine that when your administration contacted James W. Giddens, SIPC Trustee, they were told that the SIPC Trustee has no cause to be interested in the Lehman Brothers Inc. unclaimed funds. Therefore, the balance of our Lehman Brothers Inc. Claim - 10403068 and 10403071 should be processed and the issuance of replacement checks for the Lehman Brothers Inc. funds.

Sincerely yours,

Bernie Gelb Manager Claimant Services Unclaimed Property Recovery Service, Inc. (718) 275-4476 Subject: Lehman Brothers Inc. Claim - 10403068

From: WReeder@osc.state.ny.us

Date: Thu, 19 Feb 2009 15:38:26 -0500

To: rosco1@earthlink.net

Dear Mr. Gelb:

We have referred your email to the Attorney General's Office for further review. We will contact you once they have provided us with a response.

Very truly,

Wendy H. Reeder Associate Attorney Office of the State Comptroller

Exhibit K

THOMAS P. DINAPOLI STATE COMPTROLLER



110 STATE STREET ALBANY, NEW YORK 12236

STATE OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER

February 24, 2009

Bernard Gelb
Unclaimed Property Recovery Services
65-48 Alderton Street
Rego Park, New York 11374

Ref. No. 10403071

Dear Mr. Gelb:

This is in response to your recent e-mail regarding the above referenced claim. You have quoted an unidentified source as stating that SIPC President Stephen Harbeck has announced that all customer cash, stocks and other securities at Lehman have been accounted for.

We have again consulted with the Office of the New York State Attorney General and have been advised by that Office that the statement attributed to Mr. Harbeck does not release the Office of Unclaimed Funds from the injunction put in place by the liquidation order. Accordingly, absent a further order of the Bankruptcy Court (or other court of competent jurisdiction), we will not transfer any property of Lehman Brother, Inc., including replacement checks.

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Lawrence M. Schantz

Director

Office of Unclaimed Funds

cc: Norm Fivel, Assistant Attorney General James W. Giddens, SIPC Trustee